

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courteous telephone interview on June 4, 2007. During that interview it was agreed that independent claims 1, 10, and 16 would be amended as shown herein to further distinguish these claims from Meringer/Griffin.

Claims 1, 2, and 4-11, and 13-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 2, and 4-11, and 13-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Claims 1, 10, and 16 have been amended in accordance with the June 4, 2007 telephone interview. Claims 3 and 12 have previously been withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 1, 2, 4-11, and 13-20 in view of the amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 4-11, and 13-20 Under 35 USC §103

Pursuant to the June 4, 2007 telephone interview, claims 1, 10, and 16 have been amended to further distinguish these claims from Meringer/Griffin. Neither Meringer nor Griffin, alone or in combination, disclose, teach, or suggest a keyboard for a handheld electronic device including left and right sets arced input keys; and a substantially rectangular numeric keypad including a plurality of phone number input keys that together are arranged in a rectangular configuration for entering phone numbers centered below, and distinct from, the left and right sets of one or more rows of input keys, wherein the left and right sets arced input keys are sandwiched between the display and the substantially rectangular numeric keypad. This claimed arrangement allows the user to quickly, easily, and conveniently input with one's thumbs the arced

input keys (e.g., for quickly inputting text) and the phone number input keys (e.g., for quickly inputting a call recipient's phone number) without having to perform other additional input steps (e.g., pressing Alt, Shift, Ctrl input keys).

Because the combination of Griffin and Meringer does not achieve all the elements of independent claims 1, 10, and 16, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Because the dependent claims add further limitations to independent claims 1, 10, and 16, the dependent claims should also be in condition for allowance.

Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 2, 4-11, and 13-20 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For all the foregoing reasons, allowance of claims 1, 2, 4-11, and 13-20 pending in the present application is respectfully requested. Applicant respectfully does not acquiesce to any of the positions set forth in the Office Action of April 19, 2007. If necessary, applicant requests, under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application and to charge the fees for a large entity under 37 CFR 1.17(a). The Director is authorized to charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s) or credit any overpayment(s) to Deposit Account No. 50-3001 of Kyocera Wireless Corp.

Respectfully Submitted,

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